

Indiana State Library  
Media Advisory: Wednesday, July 11, 2007

## **INDIANA CENTER FOR THE BOOK TO HONOR BEST BOOKS OF INDIANA FINALISTS**

**WHAT:** On July 19, the Indiana Center for the Book will host the 3rd annual Best Books of Indiana competition awards ceremony. The ceremony includes presentation of awards, announcement of the "Best Book" in each category, reception with light refreshments, and book signings/sales. The Indiana Historical Bureau is handling sales for the event and will offer special pricing (cash and checks only).

Best Books of Indiana is a state book awards competition begun by the Indiana Center for the Book to renew interest in Indiana's strong literary heritage and to highlight Indiana's ongoing literary successes. Books by Indiana authors or about Indiana, published between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year are eligible. The 2007 ceremony honors books published in 2006.

This year's finalists are (in alphabetical order by title within category):

### **FICTION**

*Love in a Small Town* by Betty Jo Schuler (Hard Shell Word Factory)

*Tainted* by JD Phillips (Art in the Heartland)

*Triple Cross* by Kit Ehrman (Poisoned Pen Press)

### **NON-FICTION**

*Getting Open: The Unknown Story of Bill Garrett and the Integration of College Basketball* by Tom Graham and Rachel Graham Cody (Atria Books)

*The Nature Conservancy's Guide to Indiana Preserves*. Photographs by Christopher Jordan and Ron Leonetti (Quarry Books)

*Painting Indiana II: The Changing Face of Agriculture* by Indiana Plein Air Painters Association, Inc. and Center for Agricultural Science & Heritage, Inc. (Quarry Books)

### **POETRY**

*Cross this Bridge at a Walk* by Jared Carter (Wind Publications)

### **CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULT**

*Evie Finds Her Family Tree* by Ashley B. Ransburg (Indiana Historical Society Press)

*Georgie's Moon* by Chris Woodworth (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)

*The Soldier's Friend: A Life of Ernie Pyle* by Ray E. Boomhower (Indiana Historical Society Press)

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 19, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Indiana State Library  
2nd Floor Indiana Authors Room  
140 N. Senate Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The State Library is located at the corner of Ohio St. and Senate Ave. in downtown Indianapolis. Visitors may enter at either the 140 N. Senate Ave. entrance or at the 315 W. Ohio St. entrance.

Free parking is available until 5pm in the Indiana Historical Society parking lot just west and north of the Library. Lot is on the south side of New York Street. Exit code is available at the ceremony.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. RSVP to Martha Ringel at [mringel@library.in.gov](mailto:mringel@library.in.gov) or 317-232-3696 is appreciated.

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About the Indiana Center for the Book:

*The Indiana Center for the Book is a program of the Indiana State Library and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The Indiana Center for the Book promotes interest in reading, writing, literacy, libraries, and Indiana's literary heritage by sponsoring events and serving as an information resource at the state and local level. The Center supports both the professional endeavors and the popular pursuits of Indiana's residents toward reading and writing. To learn more, visit us online at: [www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/incb/icb.html](http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/incb/icb.html).*

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